



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy half term with lots of activities, visits and events happening. The second half of the summer term looks even busier with sports days and events, productions and visits. I have attached the date list for next half term as a reminder.



School Hours

From September 2024, the Department for Education expects all schools to be open for 32.5 hours a week. To ensure we meet the required hours, causing the least inconvenience and disruption to pupils and parents, from September we will be slightly extending the start and end of the school day. We will send a letter about this after half term.

CIF Work

As you may remember, there is currently a major project going on in school changing all our gas and water pipe work and replacing boilers and radiators. This is a massive project and we very lucky to have been awarded the money to fund this. The works are not due to be finished until the end of the summer holidays. The children and staff have been amazing and have adapted quickly if they have had to move classrooms.

A reminder about uniform

We would like to remind everyone that the correct uniform needs to be worn every day. We believe that school uniform instils a sense of pride and belonging. We are seeing increasing numbers of children who are not wearing correct school uniform. Our expectations around uniform also extends to hair and jewellery. Below is a reminder of the uniform and expectations for all children. This can also be found on the school website [here](#).



- Footwear with uniform should be black, practical school shoes - **not trainers or boots**
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back
- No jewellery (except watches)
- Earrings should be plain studs only. If ears are pierced, only one pair of studs may be worn for safety reasons
- No nail varnish should be worn



Please can we also ask that **all** school uniform is named. We have a vast amount of lost property which we cannot return as much of it is not named.

Trainers are not part of everyday school uniform.



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Mobile Phones

Please can we ask that if you are helping in school your mobile phones are out of sight. This is a safeguarding issue.

Water bottles

At Keston Primary School, we make sure we take action to improve children's health. Having enough to drink is a key factor to improving the performance and behaviour of children at school. Water is the best drink to have. By promoting drinking water, we want to promote healthier choices and improve the health of pupils.



Children at Keston are actively encouraged to bring in their own water bottle. However, please may we ask that water bottles are of a reasonable size and no bigger than 500ml. We are seeing an increasing number of large water bottles which are difficult for the children to hold and are hard to store.

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 have had a fabulous week on their residential to the Gordon Brown Centre in Hampshire. They have been busy building dens, cooking on fires and feeding and looking after the animals. We are very proud of all of the children, who have displayed our Keston Learning Skills all week. We have had some excellent feedback from the centre staff about how well-mannered and polite they are. They have had such a busy week; we know they will be tired when they get back! A huge thank you to all the staff who gave up time to accompany Year 6.



Well... what a week SATs week was for our wonderful Year 6 children!

They were absolutely amazing, undertaking their SATs in Maths, Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar and Reading over 4 days. We are very proud of them all. Each day began with a lively Breakfast Club in the hall, where the children were served by their teachers whilst relaxing and chatting to their friends. A quick bit of revision

followed and the children then approached their tests with enthusiasm, determination, resilience and the desire to be the best they could be. As a well-deserved treat, our Year 6 children celebrated the end of SATs Week with a film!

We would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the children for being so brilliant. We look forward to receiving their results later on in July. As always, Year 6 children, you have done Keston proud - thank you!

I hope you all have a restful half term and enjoy some time with your families. The children return to school on Tuesday 4th June, we look forward to seeing you all again then.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Green
Headteacher



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